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SUBJECT:SUMMER COURSES FOR US STUDENTS OF EAST EUROPEAN
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1. THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES EXCHANGE VISITS BY US STUDENTS
OF EAST EUROPEAN LANGUAGES AT SUMMER COURSES TO BE HELD IN
BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND ROMANIA UNDER EXIST-
ING AND PROPOSED GOVERNMENTAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS. THIS
PROPOSAL WAS DEVELOPED AT THE RECENT ATLANTA MEETING OF
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SLAVIC
STUDIES (AAASS) OCTOBER 8-11, AT WHICH A DEPARTMENT OFFICER
MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES TEACHING
EASTERN EUROPEAN LANGUAGES. SOME 25 UNIVERSITIES ARE
MEMBERS OF THE INTERUNIVERSITY COUNCIL ON EAST EUROPEAN
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS (IUCEELP). THEY ASSIGN HIGH PRIORITY
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TO SENDING US STUDENTS TO SUMMER COURSES IN THE EE

COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND THEREBY PROVIDE A POOL OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARLY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN EASTERN EUROPE, AND PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF EE STUDIES IN THE US.

2. SINCE MOST EE COUNTRIES NOW CONDUCT SUMMER COURSES FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS, THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO REQUEST A NUMBER OF GRANTS FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS IN EACH OF THE

COURSES CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED. (WE ARE CURRENTLY THINKING OF 15 FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 15 FOR ROMANIA, 10 FOR BULGARIA AND 5 FOR HUNGARY.) SENDING SIDE WOULD PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL; RECEIVING SIDE WOULD PAY STIPENDS AND ALL IN-COUNTRY COSTS CONNECTED WITH THE COURSES. IN EXCHANGE THE DEPARTMENT WOULD OFFER ACADEMIC GRANTS IN THE US FOR THE EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF MAN-MONTHS ON THE GRADUATE STUDENT OR RESEARCH SCHOLAR LEVEL. US PARTICIPANTS WOULD INCLUDE ADVANCED UNDERGRADUATES, GRADUATE STUDENTS, AND Y FACULTY, ALL WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF LANGUAGE PREPARATION IN THE US. EACH GROUP WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A US FACULTY ADVISER TO ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS ARE MET BY THE US STUDENTS AND THE COURSE LOCAL SPONSORS. IDEALLY, SUMMER COURSES SHOULD BE SIX WEEKS IN LENGTH. US STUDENTS WOULD BE SELECTED IN NATION-WIDE COMPETITION, WITH SELECTION DELEGATED TO A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SUCH AS IREX OR IIE. SINCE THE PROGRAM WOULD BE CU-FUNDED WE ARE CONSIDERING DESIGNATING IT AS A FULBRIGHT-HAYS PROGRAM. COST TO CU WOULD BE ONLY THE TRAVEL OF US STUDENTS, AND THE RECIPROCAL GRANTS FOR EE SCHOLARS IN THE US.

3. FOR BUCHAREST - WE ARE AWARE THAT UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY IS NOW PARTICIPATING IN A 6-WEEK COURSE AT CLUJ, ON A PAYING BASIS. THE PROPOSAL DESCRIBED ABOVE COULD BE IN ADDITION TO, OR IN PLACE OF, THE KENTUCKY PROGRAM. BECAUSE THE US HAS NOT BEEN SENDING ITS FULL QUOTA OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND RESEARCH SCHOLARS TO ROMANIA UNDER THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, WE BELIEVE THE ROMANIANS WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE MAN-MONTHS REQUIRED TO COVER THE PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMER OF 1976. BY OUR COUNT
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THERE ARE 6 STUDENT AND 4 RESEARCH GRANTS FOR AMERICANS IN ROMANIA UNFILLED THIS YEAR UNDER THE AGREEMENT.

4. FOR OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS - NEW PROGRAM WOULD BE INCLUDED IN PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES UNDER THE PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, TO BEGIN SUMMER OF 1976.

5. PROFESSORS JOSEPH CONRAD OF U OF KANSAS AND JAMES

AUGEROT OF U OF WASHINGTON ARE PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO ADDRESSEE POSTS LATE JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY, FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS AND EMBASSIES. IN BUDAPEST THEY WOULD MEET WITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CLUJ UNIVERSITY; IN BULGARIA WITH COMMITTEE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HIGHER EDUCATION (PAPAZOV AND POPOV); IN PRAGUE WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, AND IN BUDAPEST WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. THEIR TRAVEL WOULD BE FUNDED BY CU/EE. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST EMBASSIES' COMMENTS. INGERSOLL

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